CHARLOTTE!

IT'S GETTING LATE. LET'S HEAD BACK.

However, that brief futile heart wrenching

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Since inevitably humans like him will

HAVE YOU GOTTEN ALL THE FLOWERS YOU WANTED?

leave us androids behind...

YES, TAKAKI.

I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE TOO EXPENSIVE. I MEAN, USING LEAVES FROM THE GARDEN ISN'T...

DEFINITELY NOT.

I'VE BEEN THINKING, WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO JUST BUY THESE TEA LEAVES?

I PREFER IT LIKE THIS.

I'M THE ELDER HERE...

BUT AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERN.

PAT

この作品は淡い恋心を抱くファンタジー。貴族のお屋敷が舞台で、いろいろあります…詳細は読んでのお楽しみ。

I became Takaki's caretaker...

...PLE

PLEASE DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A CHILD

GRAB

MISS!

I'LL BE LOOKING AFTER YOU FROM TODAY ONWARDS, MASTER TAKAKI.

I AM A TEACHING ANDROID, CHARLOTTE 15.

When he was about 6 years old.

CALL ME TAKAKI.

EVERYONE ELSE CALLS ME THAT!

BUT, WHAT A SHAME.

TIME IS A CRUEL THING, WOULDN'T YOU AGREE TAKAKI?

WELL... EXCUSE ME FOR GROWING UP.

Indeed.

Time is a horrible thing.

And you've only been getting older...

Before I knew it, you had sur-passed me in height.

of time.

I am scared

LOTTE

SORRY.

SO-

GASP

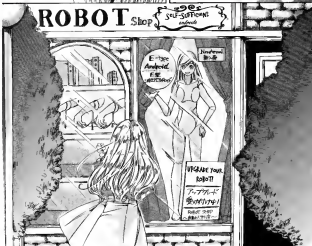-LOTTE.

CHAR-LOTTE?

WELL. I'M OFF TO DO SOME SHOPPING!

thump thump *thump*

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SOMETHING'S BEEN OFF ABOUT HER

RECENTLY.

HERE'S THE LAMB.

POTATOES.

TOMATOES.

AND THEN...

RADISHES

AND CARROTS

THAT LADY...

SHE'S A ROBOT LIKE ME, RIGHT?

WISH I COULD BE LIKE HER!

Even I...

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THIS IS THE LATEST MODEL, THAT'S OUT.

HMMM.

I SEE.

Robot

HEY, LOTTE.

Robot
Amazing Catalog

HUH?

WHAT'S WRONG?

. . . . . .

WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO GET A NEW BODY ALL OF A SUDDEN?

...HUH?

SINCE IT'S A NEWER MODEL

I wonder...

OH.

I'LL BE MORE ABLE THAN THIS BODY, SEE?

Why did I ask for a new body?

ER, YOU SEE...

YES, I CAN SEE WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM.

For some reason...

. . . . .

AND I'D DO ONE FOR ALL YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE.

IS THAT SO?

PAT

I feel like...

HOW ABOUT WE GO VISIT

It was a mistake to have asked...

THAT STORE TOMORROW?

OH, CUSTOM-ERS!

WEL-COME!

jingle

EXCUSE ME.

I'M INTERESTED IN CHANGING THIS GIRL'S BODY WITH THE LATEST MODEL ON THE MARKET.

HOW CAN I HELP YOU TODAY?

AHH.

SO IT'S AN UPGRADE YOU'RE LOOKING FOR

LET'S SEE...

WELL THEN

PARDON ME FOR A SEC. I NEED TO TAKE A PEEK AT YOUR MODEL NUMBER.

B-13021

OH MY...

FRE-EEZE

RIGHT?

AIMORE, SHE'S A MODEL—FROM 2/10!

SHE'S VERY PRECIOUS TO ME.

I DON'T THINK ANYONE WOULD OTHA- HAVE THIS TYPE AROUND.

What made me think I needed a new body?

But more than anything else,

This body has been with Takaki all his life

It's something that's real, right?

......

CHAR-LOTTE?

It's not something that can change

......

embrace

HEY, CHAR-
LOTTE.

I REALLY
DON'T...

I CHANGED
MY

LET'S GO
HOME

We androids will continue to be captivated by humans

That itself is an obvious fact

Despite all the heart wrench

*If this is my fate
and these happy days are destined to end*

at least I can count our time together to the last second

END

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Android Dilemma

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